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27 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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17 THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS GROUP, INC. and }  
18 THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS LLC, }

Case No. 06-3047 SC

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 AMLIN UNDERWRITING AGENCY, AS }  
22 MANAGING AGENT OF LLOYDS SYNDICATE }  
23 NO. 20010, et al., }

STIPULATION EXTENDING  
STAY AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER

24 Defendants.

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1 Pursuant to Civil L.R. 6-1, Plaintiffs and Defendants, through their respective  
2 counsel, stipulate and agree as follows:

3 WHEREAS, on April 6, 2006, Plaintiffs Thomas Weisel Partners Group, Inc. and  
4 Thomas Weisel Partners LLC filed and served on Defendants Amlin Underwriting Agency, et  
5 al., a Complaint for Damages and Declaratory Relief (the "Complaint"), filed in the Superior  
6 Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco; and

7 WHEREAS, on May 5, 2006, Defendants removed the action to the United States  
8 District Court for the Northern District of California; and

9 WHEREAS, on May 9, 2006, the parties to this action stipulated and agreed that  
10 the time within which Defendants may answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint is  
11 extended up to and including May 30, 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, the parties believe it desirable to pursue settlement discussions with  
13 the hope of resolving this matter without incurring the substantial costs and expenses necessary  
14 to litigate it; and

15 WHEREAS, to facilitate settlement discussions the parties previously entered  
16 into a stipulation, which was entered by the Court on June 8, 2006, staying this action until July  
17 14, 2006;

18 WHEREAS, the parties have exchanged certain information to facilitate those  
19 settlement discussions;

20 WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to exchange additional information in  
21 furtherance of those settlement discussions but, due to the number of parties, the complexities  
22 involved and time necessary to prepare and gather that additional information, the parties need  
23 additional time to exchange, evaluate and confer over such information;

25 WHEREAS, the parties therefore desire to extend the stay of these proceedings  
26 for a limited period so that the parties can meet and continue to explore settlement without  
27 incurring further substantial litigation costs and expenses; and

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1           WHEREAS, the parties agree that they will not argue that the stay impacts this  
2 action in the event a settlement is not reached.

3           IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among all parties that,  
4 the action be, and hereby is, stayed until October 13, 2006.  
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6           IT IS FURTHER HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED that the time within  
7 which Defendants may answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint is extended up to, and  
8 including, October 13, 2006.  
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10          IT IS FURTHER HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED that the August 4,  
11 2006 Case Management Conference be taken off calendar, and be rescheduled to a date  
12 convenient for the Court's calendar after November 1, 2006.  
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14          IT IS SO STIPULATED.  
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16          Dated: July 13, 2006

17          Respectfully Submitted,

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19          Robert A. Sacks (SBN 150146)  
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21          THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS GROUP,  
22          INC. and THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS  
23          LLC

24          Dated: July 12, 2006

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26          Steven H. Frankel (SBN 171919)  
27          ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS

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## ORDER

For good cause shown, the Stipulation is granted. The August 4, 2006 Case Management Conference is taken-off calendar and rescheduled to November 17, 2006 at 10:00 am. The parties are to meet and confer and file a Joint Case Management Conference Statement with the Court no later than Ten (10) days prior to the Case Management Conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 25, 2006

